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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

18 January 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR : The Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT : Review of Actual or Potential Crisis
Situations by the IAC

1. It is my belief that the IAC should regularly review together at its weekly meeting developments in actual or potential crisis areas anywhere in the world. I do not propose to abolish or circumscribe any existing arrangements through which the intelligence agencies disseminate intelligence information and conclusions to each other and to our consumers. Rather I propose that we supplement these by joint consideration of the substance of critical developments as we view them with the aim of insuring that we understand each other's views and initiate in timely fashion such further action as lies within our responsibility.

2. As to procedure I propose:

a. As a second item of the IAC agenda that we consider critical developments covered by the Watch Committee report and such other areas of interest as may be nominated by any member. The secretary of the IAC will place on the printed agenda areas or situations called to his attention by 1000 on Fridays. Additional items may be proposed by telephone or in emergency situations raised without warning at the meeting itself.

b. For most effective Committee consideration, particularly of new crises, it would be desirable for the proposing member to circulate by Monday noon a brief paper stating why he regards the situation as

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critical, citing significant reports, and what action he recommends the IAC take.

c. Following the discussion, necessary action would be agreed and noted in the minutes such as undertaking a Special Estimate, alerting or briefing the NSC or the OCB or both, alerting or briefing the principals of the IAC members, referring the matter to the Watch Committee or special group of experts, agreeing to keep the matter under study in the several agencies.

d. I do not think it practicable to try to reach agreement on precise textual statement at the meeting; the secretary's minutes subjected to the review of the members would be an adequate record for these items except where the members undertake a Special National Estimate in accordance with our established procedures.

/s/

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Chairman

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